



SERMON SNIPPET:

Series: MAKING OUR REQUEST KNOWN – PART 5

Message: THE PEOPLE WE NEED

Scripture: Luke 10:1-9 & Philippians 4:4-7 NRSV

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

Upon a recent visit to the doctor, Fred received some humbling news. The doctor informed him he was prediabetic. Fred had a family history of diabetes, and an uncle who had lost both legs to the disease. The doctor told Fred that with some different life choices, he could reverse the sobering trend. Fred was faced with a choice: Transform my diet and exercise or suffer from the debilitating effects. While this story of Fred is fictional, some of you may have had a similar visit to the doctor, where you were also presented with the choice to make some changes.

Transformation is not easy, quick, nor painless because transformation requires us to sacrifice to obtain the desired goal. Transformation requires self-reflection, evaluation, transparency, and dedication. This point is particularly true when seeking to transform a church. For a church to experience the transformational impact of God Spirit, it requires people who are willing to make the sacrifice of prioritizing personal preference in order to obtain God's purpose. The reason we right a vision and mission, preach about them two to three times/year, and make them the filter for decision making, is so we can attract and invite others of like motivation. So that we might have the people we need to affect the transformation God envisions for us.

In our text, we find the follow-up to Jesus' teaching about those who are fit for service in the kingdom. Jesus can now deploy those who remain to go ahead of him, proclaiming his message. Jesus waited to make sure he had the right people who would be dedicated and committed to the charge he was preparing to give. The text states that he sends out 72 pairs of people into the surrounding towns, villages, and cities with a clear set of instructions. Do not take a travel bag or a second pair of shoes and do not get distracted talking to people on your way to your mission field. Transparent, offering a blessing of peace when you enter a home. Be a gracious guest and do not turn up your nose at meals. Jesus uses chapter 9:57-62 because he knew that if the wrong people were sent out, they would lead others to doubt the sincerity of his message. Jesus made sure to get people who had the characteristics needed to accomplish the goal. What were the characteristics? 1) A Servants Mindset, 2) Focused on the Mission, 3) Transparent, 4) Peacemakers, 5) Gracious, 6) Accountable, 7) Courageous, 8) Generous, and 9) Prayerful.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

March 9, 2025

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Anthony
HYMN	Blessed Assurance #369	Yaroslav Daniels
OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)		Estelle Kailakalo
We praise you, O Lord! We, your servants, give you praise O Lord and we bless your Holy name. We will give you glory, O God, for you are good and gracious to your faithful ones. Lord you have chosen us as your partners to transform the world. Allow your love to fill our hearts completely and your wisdom to influence our minds. For you are a great God, you are above all others and in you we can trust. It is you who makes the clouds and brings your majesty to the earth, let all your works rejoice. We praise you, O Lord, for you are the God of our salvation. (adapted from Psalm 135:1-7)		
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Daniel 6:1-10 & Matthew 6:16-18 NRSV	Estelle Kailakalo
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
MUSICAL SELECTION	God So Loved the World By: John Strainer	Vocal Choir
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Bea
HYMN	Walk with Me #2242	Yaroslav Daniels
SERMON	FASTING AND PRAYER – PART 1	Pastor Anthony
OFFERING INVITATION		Estelle Kailakalo
(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING VIRTUALLY: Giving options will appear on your screen.• FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON: You may place your tithes and offerings in the collection plate, or in one of our offering boxes. As the ushers come to receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad, and pass it along to your neighbor. Guests, please place your completed CONNECTION CARD in the collection plate.		
OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Estelle Kailakalo
OFFERTORY MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
SUNG PRAISE	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94	Yaroslav Daniels
JOYS, CONCERNS, & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		Pastor Anthony
LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		Pastor Anthony
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
HYMN	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #127	Yaroslav Daniels
SENDING FORTH:	You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!	Pastor Anthony
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels

SHROVE TUESDAY

MARCH 4TH @ 6 P.M. – "PIZZA AND PACZKIS"

THURSDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER



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DINNER @ 6 P.M. THURSDAYS
MARCH 13TH, 20TH, 27TH,
APRIL 3RD & 10TH

AFTER DINNER BIBLE STUDY
The Final Days by Matt Rawle
LEY BY PASTOR ANTHONY & PASTOR BEA

Dinner Together

Book Study

Children's Fun

Choir Practice

RSVP

office@farmingtonfumc.org



2025 Joint Ash Wednesday Service

Mar 05, 2025, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W 11 Mile Rd,
Farmington Hills, MI 48336, USA

Join Us As We Begin The 2025 Lenten Journey. Hosted By
Nardin Park United Methodist Church - 29887 W. 11 Mile Road
- Farmington Hills. In Partnership With Nardin Park UMC,
Orchard UMC, West Bloomfield UMC, Franklin Community
UMC, And Clarenceville UMC.

LENTEN STUDY OPTIONS:

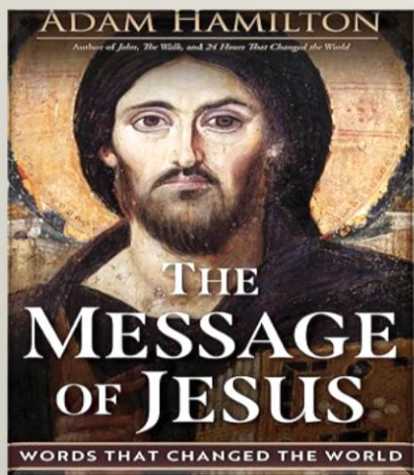
Tuesday Morning with Caroline Wik 10:00 am

Tuesday Evening with Barb Walker 7:00 pm

Sunday morning with Caroline Wik 11:30 am

The Bible Study groups will be studying The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World by [Adam Hamilton](#). The study explores six of the most important themes in Jesus' teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. The sessions will include DVD presentations. All sessions start the week of March 2, 2025.

Contact Barb Walker or Caroline Wik to obtain a book.



April 13th Palm Sunday * Easter Cantata

April 17th Maundy Thursday @ West Bloomfield UMC 7:00 p.m.

April 18th Good Friday Service @ F First 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.

2025 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

The Worship Committee will again decorate the sanctuary with Lilies for Easter. **Orders, with payment, are due no later than Sunday, March 30th by 11:30am.** Alternative Giving will support: The N.O.A.H. Project at Central United Methodist Church of Detroit. Completed order forms (with payment) can be placed in an offering box before or after worship.

Mailed-in order forms should be sent to the church: 33112 Grand River – Farmington, MI 48336. Order forms **must arrive to the church office (with payment), no later than Friday, March 28th.**

Make checks payable to: First United Methodist Church, memo to read: 2025 Easter Lily. Lilies may be taken home following the Easter Sunday Service on April 20, 2025.

Easter Lilies: Please order _____ flowers @ \$12.00 each Total Cost\$ _____

From: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Alternate Giving: The N.O.A.H. Project at Central United Methodist Church of Detroit

Outreach Ministry donation \$ _____ From: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____





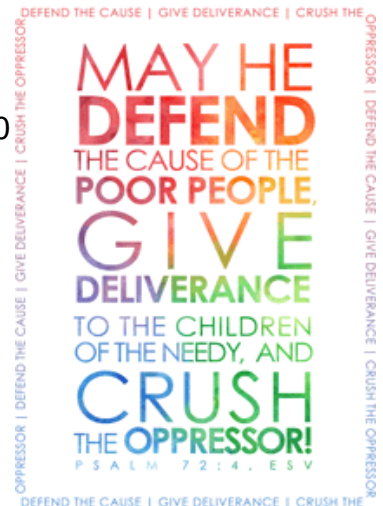
Meeting on Monday, March 3rd @ 7 p.m.



Noah at Central \$165.00 + \$220
Holton Community Center
Global Ministries \$398.00
Lighthouse \$190.00

is our **PAY IT FORWARD**
choice for MARCH **2025**

We appreciate your generosity and ask you to
please indicate **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**
on your check/envelope.



CARING MINISTRY LIST STRENGTH & WISDOM IN HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

Condolences to the families of Phyllis Anderson, Pat Bradley, Bob Cook, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell, Bev Ellis, John Hopeck, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Denise Rogers, Sandy Welling

HEALING AT HOME: Pat Dyert, Jane Hopper, Dean Koppin,

Peter Kalakailo, Bob & Judy Rehn, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, *Darrell Simmons*, Bill & Suzanne White, Ruth Yuill



The Caring Ministry keeps those who are shut in, hospitalized or sick and unable to attend church connected to the church through visits, cards, and phone calls. Contact Connie Haase, Parish Visitor email: office@[farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org) or call the church office for further information.

If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Anthony (313) 283-9919



March 2nd In loving memory of Irving, Grace, Jerry, Susan, Eric Smith from Judy Smith

March 9th **We are glad to be springing forward with all of you today. Tanner Tulgetske & Susanna Arun**

March 16th In loving memory of Ethel & James Lanstra

Susann Lanstra

MARCH 23rd TBD

MARCH 30th In loving remembrance of Marlon Macaspac, from the Tolentino family

2025 Calendar is posted for sign ups

to take over the **RUMMAGE SALE**



Virtual Rummage Sale Update 2024 eBay sales for 2024 totaled about \$4,976. with 166 transactions and 3 returned items. This was the highest eBay sales year since I began selling for the church in 2020 (remember that crazy pandemic situation?) 2024 proceeds were used to help fund improvements at the parsonage such as flooring, carpeting and landscaping work. As of December 31, our 5-year grand total is 643 transactions totaling \$16,485.24.



GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP (GFYG) SERVICE WEEK AT CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

The Guiding Force Youth Group will be serving at Cass Community Social Services **July 14 through 18, 2025**. We will be traveling to Cass each day and returning to our homes for the evening. We are inviting anyone from the congregation who is interested in serving with us is invited to come along. You will be welcome to join for as many days as it's convenient for you.

This will not only be an opportunity not only for you to serve God's people, but also to get better acquainted with the youth of our church.



are available to Children

In Kindergarten through Fifth Grades throughout the school year

At this time, we are not able to provide Nursery Care for our youngest participants. Please know that children of all ages are welcome in worship, especially when they are making "joyful noises to the Lord". Our future plans *include* developing a "Family Center" where parents will have a comfortable space to experience worship service via live stream in a space that is hospitable for them.



Mission Opportunity

On **Saturday May 3**, we will be serving with "Hands with Detroit" at Cass Community Social Services. We will meet at FUMC, carpool to Cass, and spend the day serving others.

Hands with Detroit at Cass Community Social Services in on Saturday, May 3rd! This incredible day of mission and service is a chance to make a meaningful impact in the city of Detroit. Gather your youth groups, family, and friends and mark your calendars now! Registration will open soon—don't miss this opportunity to serve, connect, and change lives together. Let's put our faith into action and make a difference!



2025 Free Narcan Training

Mar 15, 2025, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Join us for this free training and learn how to administer a lifesaving dosage of Narcan to stop an Opioid overdose. A simple spray could save a life.



The following committees are looking for additional members: **Methodist Men, Finance, Outreach, Trustees, The Streaming Team, and Website Team.**

If you are interested in any of these committees, please contact Pastor Anthony

at: pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org.



Our teller team could use your help. Looking for 3 or 4 more volunteers that are willing to help count the offering after Sunday service. It takes about 30-60 minutes to complete depending on the Sunday. We schedule 2 tellers per Sunday. Commitment would be for no more than 2 Sundays a month depending on the scheduling. There may be a month that you may not be required to count. Scheduling is flexible.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LITURGIST?

Liturgists are responsible for leading the opening prayer, reading the scripture lesson, leading the offering prayer, and reading the explanation of offering options. If you are interested in joining the liturgist team, please contact Jill Burress at jillb69@aol.com.

HOW TO VIEW THE LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

You can view our 10:00 a.m. Livestream of our worship service, on the church website or our Facebook page, even if you do not have a Facebook account. Here is how to connect:

1. Go to: www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch or
2. Access the church's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/
3. Once on the church's Facebook page, select the video marked **Live** in red.
4. You can now view the livestream of our worship service.



DID YOU MISS THE WORSHIP SERVICE?

You can view all previous worship services and sermons on our YouTube Channel, Facebook Page, or Website:

- YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCpy3ppBF6thM1WGrnYDZCPw
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc
- Website: www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch-live.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Thank you for your continued and steady financial support. The finance team has worked diligently to provide multiple methods for us to continue financially supporting the church:

A) You can Drop-off or Mail-In a check to:

First United Methodist Church - 33112 Grand River Ave, Farmington, MI 48336.

B) You can use the "Bill Pay" option through your online banking website.

C) You can give using "PayPal" and choose: First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

D) You can text to give, by texting: **fumcgive** to **44321** and follow the prompts.



GIVE TODAY



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @farmingtonfumc

In an effort to attract more attention towards our church, we have created an Instagram account. Here you will find content featuring updates, events, devotionals, and more! Give us a follow, tell your friends, tell your family, and enjoy scrolling!



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News & Notes March 2, 2025

Monday, March 3rd

7:00 p.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, March 4th

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study

6:00 p.m. **Shrove Tuesday**

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, March 5th

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday @ Nardin Park

7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, March 6th

7:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 7th

10:00 a.m. Confirmation Banner

5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Saturday, March 8th

2:00 p.m. Dance Ensemble Rehearsal

Sunday, March 9th

10:00 a.m. Worship Service/ Sunday School

Coffee Hour following

11:30 a.m. Bible Study

12:00 p.m. Indian Classical Dance

5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Church Office Hours:

Monday- Friday

10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Pastor Anthony's Office Hours:

Tuesday 9:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday 4:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

If you have information to include in the weekly News & Notes, please email your information to Phyllis Anderson (phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.

Announcements or information to be shared in the order of worship, must be submitted to Pastor Anthony no later than 12:00 noon on Monday.



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

CHANGED to

3rd Saturday's of the month
in March 15th, April 19th, May 17th

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bring a project to work on
and a dish to share.

Susan Cook, Coordinator



ANNA COOK CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP

2nd Wednesday's of the month

March 12, 2025 12 noon

BRING YOUR SANDWICH & BEVERAGE

DESSERT: NANCY IMUS

(Contributions to Nancy's dessert fund welcomed.)

1st Claudette Howell, Linda Peckham

8th Michael Weddell

13th Denise Ruff, Truman Schroeder

14th Ben Niemiec

15th Ella Hanson

16th Scott Riley

18th Angela Stevenson

20th Don Haase

22nd Jodi Imus, John Welling

24th Sandra Welling

26th Doug Tonkovich

28th Margaret Brainard, Maggie Clewley

Matthew Stevenson

31st Rachel Burress, Emily Carnell

Wedding Anniversaries

9th Bob & Judy Rehn

18th Don & Connie Haase

24th John & Sandra Welling